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In re Application of
Belotserkovskii, et al.
Application No. 09/557,423
Filed: April 21, 2000
Attorney Docket No.: A-68112-1/RFT/RMS/DSS
For: LOCKED NUCLEIC ACID HYBRIDS AND
METHODS OF USE

DECISION
ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed July 14, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely pay the issue fee and publication fee within three (3) months of the mailing of the March 1, 2005 Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on June 2, 2005. The filing of the instant petition precedes the mailing of A Notice of Abandonment.

Applicants have submitted a reply in the form of the issue fee, the publication fee, and a completed PTOL-85, an acceptable statement of the unintentional nature of the delay in responding to the March 1, 2005 Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, and the petition fee.

Regarding the statement of unintentional delay, it is not apparent that the statement was signed by a person who would have been in a position of knowing that the delay in filing a timely response was unintentional. In the event that practitioner has no knowledge that the delay was in fact unintentional, practitioner should make a reasonable inquiry to ascertain that, in fact, the delay was unintentional. If practitioner discovers that the delay was intentional, practitioner must so notify the Office. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition. However, any future correspondence regarding this application will be mailed to the address of record.

The petition is **granted**.

This application is being forwarded to Publishing Division for processing into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "E. Shirene Willis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "E".

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